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Greetings Members of the House Committee on Michigan Competitiveness:

In keeping with the American Association of University Women mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research to address women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span, the AAUW of Michigan urges the House Committee on Michigan Competitiveness to carefully consider the following taken from the AAUW's national statement on Common Core:

We believe that quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society. AAUW is committed to ensuring strong academic principles and bias-free public education that closes the achievement gap for all children.

AAUW supports states' voluntary adoption of Common Core standards. If states choose not to adopt these official standards, AAUW urges them to adopt similarly robust and comprehensive standards. All students deserve a world-class education, no matter where they live.

Before Common Core is rescinded or abolished, other robust and comprehensive standards equal to or better than Common Core should be developed and in place after full public discussion. We oppose HB 4192 as written and without amendment to clarify the robust and comprehensive set of education standards that will replace Common Core.

Here are links to further information about AAUW's policy statements on Common Core.

[AAUW Quick Facts on Common Core Standards](#)
[AAUW Issues: Common Core Standards](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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